IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

Please add claims 34-54, as follows.

1-33.   (Cancelled)

34.   (New) An image supply device comprising:

an interface configured to connect with a storage medium for storing image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data;

a confirmation unit configured to confirm whether it is possible or not to communicate with a printing apparatus using a predetermined protocol upon starting communication with the printing apparatus; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit both a print designation created after said confirmation unit confirms that it is possible to communicate with the printing apparatus using the predetermined protocol, and the file to the printing apparatus.

35.   (New) A device according to claim 34, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.

36.   (New) A device according to claim 34, further comprising a conversion unit configured to convert the contents of the file into a print designation set by the predetermined protocol, in a case that the printing apparatus cannot interpret the file.

37.   (New) A device according to claim 34, wherein the file is recorded in the storage medium based on the standard of DPOF.

38.   (New) A device according to claim 37, further comprising:

an input unit configured to input print conditions; and

a creation unit configured to create the file in the storage medium based on the input by said input unit before the start of the communication with the printing apparatus.

39.   (New) A control method of an image supply device having an interface configured to connect with a storage medium for storing image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data, the method comprising the steps of:

confirming whether it is possible or not to communicate with a printing apparatus using a predetermined protocol upon starting the communication with the printing apparatus; and

transmitting both a print designation created after it is confirmed that it is possible to communicate with the printing apparatus using the predetermined protocol, and the file to the printing apparatus.

40. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.

41. (New) A method according to claim 39, further comprising a conversion step of converting contents of the file into a print designation set by the predetermined protocol, in a case that the printing apparatus cannot interpret the file.

42. (New) A method according to claim 39, further comprising;

an input step of inputting print conditions; and

a creation step of creating the file of DPOF standard in the storage medium based on the print conditions input in said input step before the start of the communication with the printing apparatus.

43. (New) A printing apparatus for communication with an image supply device having an interface configured to connect with a storage medium for storing image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data, the apparatus comprising:

a confirmation unit configured to confirm whether it is possible or not to communicate with an image supply device using a predetermined protocol upon starting the communication with the image supply device; and

a reception unit configured to receive both a print designation created after said confirmation unit confirms that it is possible to communicate with the image supply device using the predetermined protocol, and the file from the image supply device.

44.   (New) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.

45.   (New) An apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising a transmission unit configured to transmit a transfer request for the file to the image supply device, based on information for specifying the file in the print designation.

46.   (New) An apparatus according to claim 43, further comprising a request unit configured to interpret the contents of the file and request image data for the image supply device using the predetermined protocol.

47.   (New) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the file is recorded in the storage medium based on the standard of DPOF before start of the communication with the image supply device.

48.   (New) A control method of a printing apparatus for communicating with an image supply device having a storage medium for storing image data and a file describing a printing method of the image data, the method comprising the steps of:

confirming whether it is possible or not to communicate with the image supply device using a predetermined protocol upon starting the communication with the image supply device; and

receiving both a print designation created after it is confirmed that it is possible to communicate with the image supply device using the predetermined protocol, and the file from the image supply device.

49.   (New) A method according to claim 48, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.

50.   (New) A method according to claim 49, further comprising a transmission step of transmitting a transfer request for the file to the image supply device, based on information for specifying the file in the print designation.

51.   (New) A method according to claim 48, further comprising a request step of interpreting the contents of the file and requesting image data for the image supply device using the predetermined protocol.

52.   (New) A method according to claim 48, wherein the file is recorded in the storage medium based on the standard of DPOF before start of the communication with the image supply device.

53.   (New) A digital camera comprising:

a photographing unit configured to acquire image data by photographing;

a setting unit configured to set a printing method of image data stored in a storage medium;

an interface configured to connect with the storage medium for storing the image data acquired by said photographing unit and a file describing the printing method set by said setting unit;

a serial bus interface configured to communicate with a printer using a predetermined protocol;

a confirmation unit configured to confirm whether it is possible or not to communicate with a printer using the predetermined protocol via said serial bus interface; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit both a print designation created after said confirmation unit confirms that it is possible to communicate with the printer using the predetermined protocol, and the file to the printer.

54.   (New) A digital camera according to claim 53, wherein the print designation describes information for specifying the file.